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Manufacturing Week Offers Opportunities for Students
Silicon Valley Manufacturers highlight rewarding careers in growing industry

SAN JOSE, Calif.—One out of every six jobs in Silicon Valley is in manufacturing. Yet even with the availability of steady employment, the local industry struggles to appeal to recent college graduates and professionals. That is one of the reasons why Silicon Valley Manufacturing Week was established—to *introduce students and professionals to careers in manufacturing.*

"San José is home to America's largest concentration of companies with the capacity for turning high-tech ideas into manufactured products," said Kim Walesh, Director of Economic Development for the City of San José. "Manufacturing Week offers an excellent opportunity for local manufacturers to invite students and professionals to consider careers in this growing field."

This year, Silicon Valley Manufacturing Week takes place at businesses throughout San José from Monday, Sept. 29 through Friday, Oct. 3. During the week, over 10 local businesses will host facility tours for the public. In addition, a career panel at San José City College and an open house at DeAnza College will link students and professionals to careers in manufacturing. Prospect Silicon Valley, a new clean and emerging technologies accelerator, will host a meet-up discussion on manufacturing. San José libraries and the TechShop will also host 3D-printing workshops and events highlighting the maker movement.

Silicon Valley Manufacturing Week events are coordinated by San José's Office of Economic Development, the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Roundtable, Manex, educational institutions and industry partners. For more information on Silicon Valley Manufacturing Week events, visit <http://www.sjeconomy.com>.

About National Manufacturing Day

National Manufacturing Day takes place October 3. Manufacturing Day is a national event that occurs every year on the first Friday of October, during which manufacturers across the country open their doors to demonstrate the potential of modern manufacturing and foster interest in manufacturing careers. Manufacturing Day is co-produced by industry organizations including the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association International (FMA), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), Manufacturing Institute (MI), and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). For more information, go to www.mfgday.com.

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